

2017 REPLAY QUIZ #5

1. 4/G @ B-5. A12 carries to the B-3 where he fumbles. The loose ball goes directly in flight to the hands of B76. The ruling on the field is that B76:
 - a. controlled the ball in the field of play, then his momentum carried him into the end zone where he was tackled, resulting in B - 1/10 @ B-1. Replays show that B76 did not establish firm control of the ball until it was breaking the plane of B's goal line.

Reverse to Touchback, B - 1/10 @ B-20. Replay may change Momentum to Touchback or vice-versa, based on where the ball was possessed.
 - b. controlled the ball in the field of play, then carried the ball into the end zone on his own where he was tackled, resulting in a Safety. Replays show that B76 did not establish firm control of the ball until it was breaking the plane of B's goal line.

Reverse to Touchback, B - 1/10 @ B-20. Replay may change Safety to Touchback or vice-versa, based on where the ball was possessed.
 - c. controlled the ball in the field of play, then carried the ball into the end zone on his own where he was tackled, resulting in a Safety. Replays show that B76 did have firm control of the ball in the field of play, but that it was his momentum that carried him into the end zone.

The ruling on the field will stand. Replay may stop to verify that B76 has possession in the field of play (as in 1a above), but otherwise Replay may not change Safety to Momentum or vice-versa.
 - d. controlled the ball in the field of play, then ran along the goal line and was tackled with forward progress in the end zone, resulting in a Safety. Replays show that when B76's forward progress was stopped, the entire ball was in the field of play.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-1/2. Replay may create or negate a Safety based on forward progress relative to the goal line.
2. 3/5 @ B-20. A24 carries to the B-5 where he is ruled out of bounds. Replays show that prior to his foot touching the sideline, A24 lost possession of the ball at the B-5, and the loose ball struck the ground inbounds before touching the goal line pylon. Replays also show that:
 - a. the ball at the B-4 was still touching A24's fingertips when his foot was in contact with the sideline at the B-5.

Reverse to B - 1/G @ B-5 - Ready. The loose ball is dead when touched by a player who is out of bounds. This is simply a forward fumble out of bounds (B-5 to B-4), returned to the spot of the fumble.
 - b. at no time was A24 simultaneously in contact with the loose ball and the sideline.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-20 - Snap. The loose ball remains live until it touches the goal line pylon, at which point this becomes a forward fumble out of bounds in B's end zone, and thus a Touchback.
3. 2/10 @ B-35. A9 carries to the B-27 where he leaves his feet. While airborne, he loses control of the ball at the B-26:
 - a. but regains control of the loose ball in flight before contacting the ground at the B-25 where the ruling on the field is A - 1/10 @ B-25. Replays show that although the ball came loose when A9 hit the ground -- with B68 recovering while grounded at the B-23 -- A9's elbow touched the ground before the ball came out.

Reverse to B - 1/10 @ B-23 - Snap. When A9 first fumbles the ball, then in order to catch / recover this loose ball in flight, he must "survive the ground" (i.e., maintain control of the ball when he contacts the ground). A9 did not, and thus this is still a loose ball, which B68 recovered.
 - b. and the ball goes directly in flight to the hands of B68, who falls to the ground at the B-23 where the ruling is B - 1/10 @ B-23. Replays show that although the ball came loose when B68 hit the ground -- with the ball going out of bounds at the B-25 -- B68's elbow touched the ground before the ball came out.

Reverse to A - 3/1 @ B-26 - Ready. When A9 first fumbles the ball, then in order to catch / recover this loose ball in flight, B68 must "survive the ground" (i.e., maintain control of the ball when he contacts the ground). He did not, and thus this is still a loose ball, which becomes a forward fumble out of bounds (from the B-26 to the B-25).